



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON  
**VETERANS' AFFAIRS**

*Chairman Phil Roe, M.D.*

**H.R. 888: To amend title 38, United States Code, to improve dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain totally disabled veterans.**

**Background:**

Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) benefits are awarded to eligible survivors of a veteran whose death was the result of service-connected injury or who died in the line of duty. Currently, survivors of a totally disabled veteran may be required to apply for DIC after reporting the death of their loved one by filing a 12-page form that requires information that VA oftentimes already has.

H.R. 888 would require the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to treat the notification of the death of a veteran rated totally disabled as a claim for dependency and indemnity compensation (DIC) benefits for the veteran's surviving spouse and children. This bill would streamline the process for DIC benefits and ease the burden on a grieving family.

**The Message:**

- Survivors of certain totally disabled veterans shouldn't go through added burden to receive the benefits they deserve.
- H.R. 888 would require VA to treat the notification of the death of a veteran rated totally disabled as a claim for DIC benefits for the veteran's surviving spouse and children
- This bill would streamline Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) for survivors of certain totally disabled veterans.